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ILLINOIS FARMERS OPPOSE I. AND R.

Just before adjourning its annual session at Carbondale, Ill., the Illinois Farmers' Institute adopted resolutions opposing the principle of the initiative and referendum as now before the constitutional convention. The creation of a system of state police to protect rural communities was advocated. The institute also went on record as favoring increased production and condemning all movements to shorten the hours of labor and otherwise curtail production.

GIVE THE PACKERS A REST.

The Manufacturers' News of Chicago, a high class industrial journal, says editorially a few words for the packers in which there is enough common sense to bear thinking about. The editorial says:

Another investigation of the packers is promised by the house committee on agriculture. When the baiters of big industry have nothing else to do they try to make a little cheap campaign capital out of the alleged injustice done to live-stock growers by the big Chicago packing houses. Since 1916 five so-called "investigations" have been conducted by congressional committees and the Federal Trade Commission. Illegal methods were resorted to by the prosecutors. Special attorneys, including the tricky Henry of California, were engaged and adopted the most nefarious practices to establish the culpability of the stockyards enterprises. They failed dismally.

Voluntarily the packers agreed to segregate their business interests. They knew that they had done nothing wrong. They had been guilty of nothing but a general reduction of production costs and the establishment of a healthy market for live stock and other commodities. They sold their products at a smaller percentage of profit than any other industry by introducing improved business methods.

On the very day when the house committee voted for a sixth investigation of the packing concerns, John A. Atwood, special assistant to Attorney General Palmer, who was assigned to make a nation-wide explanation of the recent federal unsealing decree, made this public statement that the "packers have shown a spirit of concession and co-operation that has been highly gratifying. They appreciate that concessions must be made to remove all ground for criticism, some of which were the result of prejudice."

How, on top this announcement, a presumably intelligent and patriotic congressional committee was induced to vote in favor of a further inquiry is beyond the comprehension of the ordinary mind.

Everything the government asked them to do the packers have done already. Another snooping expedition to Chicago can have no other results except the interruption of normal business and piling up bills which will have to be paid by the consumers. The public is tired of all kinds of meddlers and more particularly of congressional meddlers. They have done enough mischief. After five failures they should be told by the house to go way back and sit down.

New Guinea Love Tokens.

When a New Guinea woman falls in love with a man she sends a piece of string to his sister, or, if he has no sister, to his mother. Then the lady who receives the string tells the favored man the particular woman is in love with him.

Get the Genuine and Avoid Waste
Morgan's POLYO Soap

U.S. BUILDING TWO GIANT AIR CRAFTS FOR PACIFIC FLIGHT

AMERICAN AND BRITISH AVIATORS TO COMPETE IN TRANS-OCEAN RACE—PLAN MAKING DASH IN FOUR HOPS.

New York, March 8.—(UPI)—The Pacific navy is preparing two giant flying boats for the first trans-Pacific flight. The British recently gave the administration notice of its intention to build two aircraft carriers which will be built in the space of four months. The British plan is to have ready the first carrier by July 1, 1921, and the second by January 1, 1922.

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